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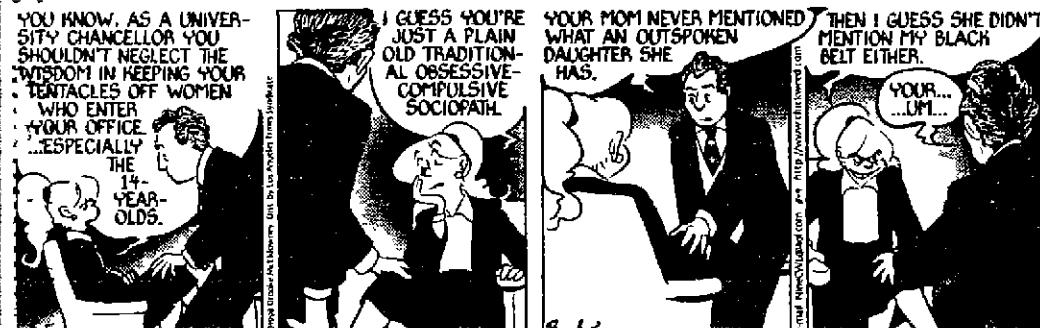
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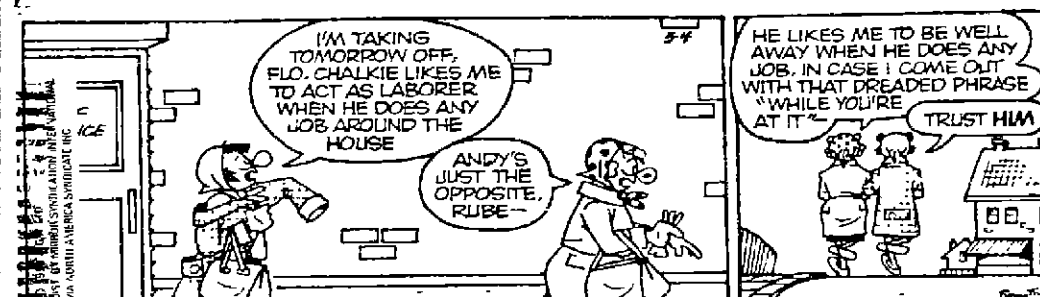
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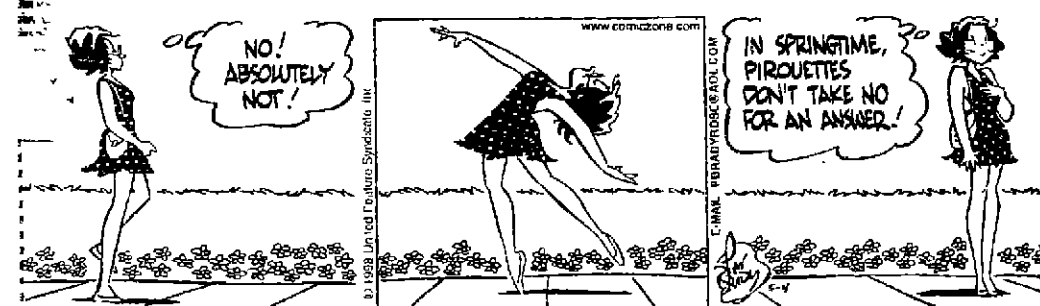
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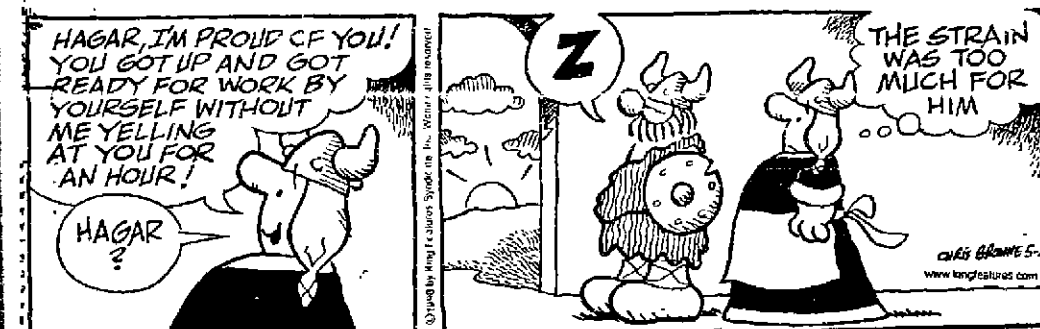
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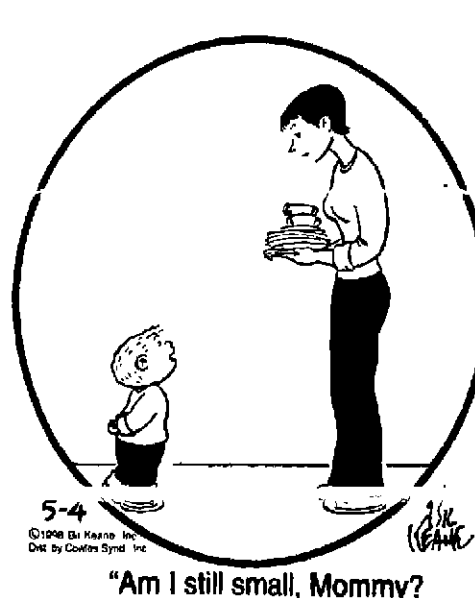
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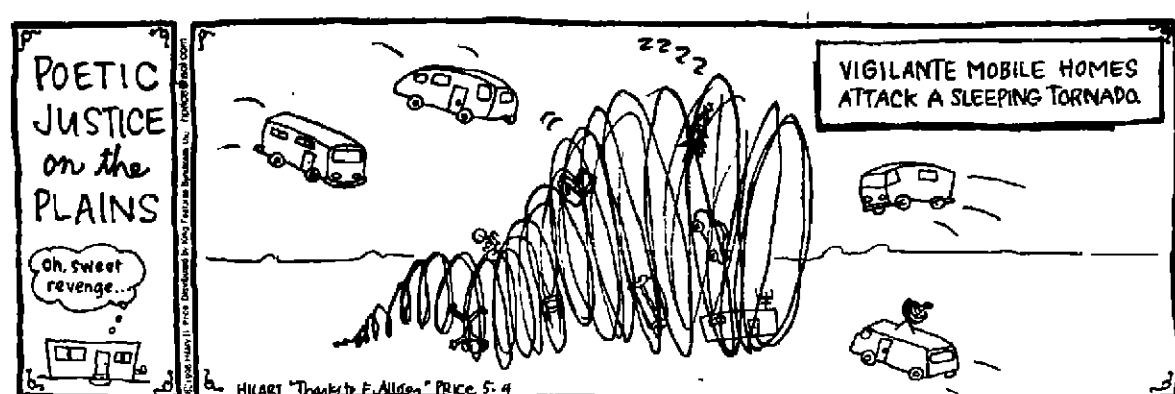
BENNY THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

The president of Egypt, Hosni Mubarak, is 70. Jazz musician Maynard Ferguson is 70. Pop singer Peggy Santiglia (The Angels) is 54. Country singer Stella Parton is 49. Actor-turned-clergyman Billy Hicks is 48. Singer Jackie Jackson (The Jacksons) is 47. Actress-singer Pia Zadora is 42. Country singer Randy Travis is 39. Actress Mary McDonough ("The Waltons") is 37. Rock musician Mike Dirnt (Green Day) is 26.

I NEED HELP



Despite protest from the rest of the family, Grandma Rose lets Daisy eat from her plate.

SCRABBLE

PAR SCORE 70-80 by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 in 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in the Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrow-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 5-4-98

For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Tuesday, May 5, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A short business trip proves exciting. It's possible for singles to meet with romance.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A break in the action provides a short respite on the work front. However, a co-worker could take advantage.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Rather than butting heads, you need to make peace with a family member. A sympathetic approach works best.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A carnival-like atmosphere rules the day. Co-workers and family members are happy and responsive.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) You're looking really good, and you know it — which bolsters your confidence. Avoid a tendency to be vain as a result.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Playing guessing games with your mate isn't going to get you anywhere. Instead, take your usual straightforward approach.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Those denials are falling on deaf ears. Have the courage to accept the responsibility for your part in a failed project.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Your judgment is being clouded by someone who is physically dazzling. Try to get beyond that.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Wrestling with your conscience is a futile exercise.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Your cheerful mood is boosted by good news, which you share with your family. Avoid hard liquor.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) An investment matter takes center stage. You find that you need to diversify for more success.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Your ambition is admirable, but you need to balance it with family time. Your mate, in particular, is feeling neglected.

WORD SLEUTH

Parts of a car

U L H D S A S X U R P M J G D
A X E V S T Q L N K I F S D A
X W I N D S H I E L D V T T Q
O M J H A F C G A E T Y H W U
R P N L J P G S I I H H G F D
B Z F H X V R R R L T W I K R
Q C M K G I E I E L L N T
D B Z O O Y S P K L D I D U W
V T R D T R I M Q C L N A R O
N L K I H F D U Y D O B E T C
A Z X S P A C B U H W R H F V

Saturday's unlisted clue: REEF

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Monday's unlisted clue hint: COVERS THE ENGINE

Body Grill Roof Trunk
Bumpers Headlights Taillights Wheels
Doors Hubcaps Tires Windshield
Fenders Rocker panel Trim

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For solution, see Classified.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

"I never got the right way when I have to guess a two-way finesse," lamented a rueful South. "Why guess?" asked his partner. "Why not force the enemy to eliminate the guess?" South took his spade ace, drew trumps, and cashed his diamond winners, throwing a club from dummy. Then he gave up a spade, delaying his crucial guess in clubs. South ruffed the spade exit, but he was on his own to fathom the play of the club suit. Delaying his decision again, South crossed to dummy in trumps to lead dummy's club nine. When East ducked smoothly, South went wrong, playing his queen. West won and returned a club, East scoring two club tricks for one down. Should South have allowed dummy's club nine to ride? It would have worked in today's layout, but what if West had the club 10? To cinch his game, on the third diamond South should discard a spade from dummy, not a club. With trumps already drawn, South merely concedes his spade loser without caring which opponent wins the trick. Either opponent must offer a ruff and sluff or break the club suit. Whatever the defense chooses, South loses only a spade and two clubs and wins his 10 tricks. Why guess when the opponents can do it for you?

NORTH US-04-A
♠ 7 5 2
♥ K 10 8 3
♦ A 6
♣ J 9 8 4

WEST EAST
♠ Q 10 8 3 ♠ K J 9 4
♥ 6 5 ♥ 4 2
♦ J 7 5 2 ♦ 10 9 4 3
♣ A 5 3 ♣ K 10 2

SOUTH
♠ A 6
♥ A Q J 10 7
♦ K Q 8
♣ Q 7 6

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♥ Pass 2 ♥ Pass
4 ♥ Pass Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Spade trey

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0323

ACROSS

1 Stormed
6 Narc bust
10 Lab container
14 A bouquet has one
15 Fairy tale beginning
16 As regards
17 Intransigent senator's tactic
19 "Miss Regrets" (1934 hit)
20 Ivan or Nicholas
21 "The Catcher in the —"
22 Johnnie Cochran entreaties
23 Taste and touch
25 1996 award for "The English Patient"

DOWN

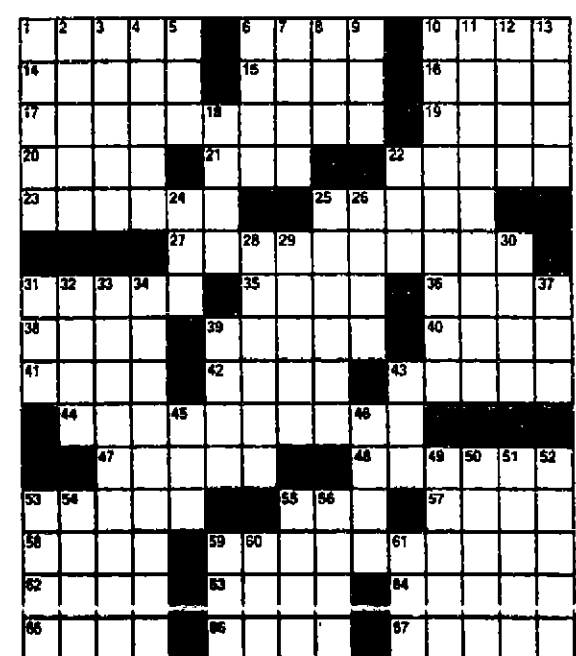
27 Dull
28 Farm units
29 Adjutant
30 Egyptian fertility goddess
32 Show muscle?
33 Had a role to play
40 "Laura" director
41 Tennille of the Captain and Tennille
42 Mail delivery paths: Abbr.
43 Photographer Adams
44 Survive inspection
47 Death row reprieves
48 Gives way
53 Two — (deceitful)

55 "The Gold Bug" writer
57 Undecorated
58 "You said it, brother!"
59 Rural flier
62 Heathful mineral
63 "Take this!"
64 Building modification
65 Villa d' —
66 Land west of Nod
67 Calendario opener

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ACROBAT ROUGHIT
FLORIDA ENPLANE
FAIRSEX DESERVE
AMS OLIVER ETON
IST NIECE MIS
RUES EDAMS MACY
SPRAT NEPTUNE
FIELDGAYS

DAAS STEPS SOIU
ARC SWEEP PRO
ARKS ALSACE CST
TYMPANI KEPTOUT
EMTAILED EDUCATE
DENTATE DEPUTED



Puzzle by Randall J. Hartman

28 Engaged in litigation
29 Saguaro
30 Toys with tails
31 Baptism, for one
32 Not fore
33 Hoof sound
34 Making a comeback

34 being
37 The sun
39 Team from West Point
43 "Exodus" hero
46 In low spirits
46 Examined

48 Buddy of 60's-70's TV
49 Motorized shop tool
51 Bleak, in verse
52 — Croatian
53 Disconcert
54 "Lucky Jim" author

55 Read (over)
56 Many a tournament
58 Cuban hero
59 Like sunsets
61 Yorkshire river

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